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FOR TARNOFF AND HABIB FROM SPIEGEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: CABLE FROM WELLINGTON RE MULDOON

DICK WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS TO DISCUSS WITH THE SECRETARY.  
I DON'T RECOMMEND ACTION UNTIL YOU RETURN AND WE CAN DISCUSS  
THIS MATTER WITH THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE CONTEXT OF OTHER  
APPOINTMENTS.

FOLLOWING REPEAT WELLINGTON 1186 ACTION SECSTATE MAR 31, 1977

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY

FOR SECRETARY VANCE FROM AMBASSADOR SELDEN

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TAGS: OVIP, NZ

SUBJECT: PLEA FOR AN EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY PRIME  
MINISTER ROBERT DAVID MULDOON

REF: WELLINGTON 0925

1. PLEASE PERMIT ME TO BRING TO YOUR PERSONAL

ATTENTION MY SERIOUS CONCERN ON LEARNING TODAY THAT  
PRIME MINISTER FRASER OF AUSTRALIA IS TO SEE PRESIDENT  
CARTER IN JUNE WHILE PRIME MINISTER MULDOON WILL  
NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL AN INDEFINITE  
TIME IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR. WHILE I CANNOT  
GIVE YOU THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
REACTION SINCE HE IS PRESENTLY IN LONDON, THOSE  
CLOSEST TO HIM IN NEW ZEALAND ARE DISMAYED AND  
FRUSTRATED AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN ARRANGING FOR  
THE PRIME MINISTER'S WASHINGTON VISIT.

2. NEW ZEALAND PRESS THIS EVENING ARE FRONT-PAGING  
THIS FRUSTRATION WITH ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OUT OF  
WASHINGTON (LIKELY NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY) THAT NEW  
ZEALAND GETTING THE "RUN AROUND" FROM WHITE HOUSE  
STAFFERS AND DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OVER PLANNED  
JUNE VISITS FOR AUSTRALIAN PM FRASER BUT NOT FOR  
MULDOON. PRESS REPORT QUOTES GNZ OFFICIAL IN  
WASHINGTON AS SAYING: QUOTE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA HAVE ALWAYS  
BEEN GIVEN EQUAL TREATMENT ON THINGS LIKE THIS IN  
THE PAST BUT NOW THE WHITE HOUSE CAN'T EVEN COME UP WITH  
PROPOSED DATES FOR MR. MULDOON'S VISIT THAT WE CAN  
TALK ABOUT. UNQUOTE.

3. ONE OF THE FACTORS AT WORK, AS YOU ARE AWARE,  
MR. SECRETARY, IS THE LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP EXISTING  
BETWEEN CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON WITH NEW ZEALAND  
AS THE SMALLER COUNTRY FEELING SOMETIMES PERHAPS  
OVERLY SENSITIVE TO THE APPEARANCE OF BEING SUBSUMED  
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IN A LARGER AUSTRALIAN IDENTITY. THIS  
DEFENSIVE NEW ZEALAND SENSITIVITY ABOUT AUSTRALIA HAS  
NOW BEEN AGGRAVATED BY THE REALIZATION THAT AUSTRALIA  
HAS STEPPED TO THE HEAD OF THE LINE WHEN MULDOON THOUGHT  
NEW ZEALAND WOULD COME BEFORE, OR AT LEAST AT THE  
SAME TIME AS AUSTRALIA. WHEN FRASER WAS SEEING PRESIDENT  
FORD LAST YEAR, MULDOON AGREED TO WAIT AND SEE THE  
PRESIDENT IN THE EARLY SPRING OF 1977. WHEN THIS  
WAS RULED OUT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO HE WAS GIVEN THE  
IMPRESSION BY HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT BOTH  
HE AND FRASER WOULD SEE PRESIDENT CARTER  
IN JUNE AND HE SO ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS. CONSEQUENTLY,  
PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAS APPENDED WILL CAUSE MULDOON'S  
HUMILIATION TO BE GREAT. HIS SUPPORTERS ARE ALREADY  
DOWNCAST, WHILE HIS OPPONENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE  
QUOTE ILL-DISPOSED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES,  
WILL SURELY BE GLEEFUL. THE PUBLIC GIBES AGAINST  
MULDOON, WHOSE POLITICAL IMAGE AND, INDEED, WHOSE  
DEEPEST INNER CONVICTIONS, ARE BUILT ON STALWART

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, ARE CERTAIN TO BE NASTY.

4. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OPEN PUBLIC ADMIRATION FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND HIS ACTIONS SINCE TAKING OFFICE IN NOVEMBER 1975 TO STRENGTHEN AND REFURBISH NEW ZEALAND-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THIS LACK OF PROGRESS AT ARRANGING FOR HIS VISIT IS DIFFICULT FOR NEW ZEALANDERS TO UNDERSTAND. FIRST AND FOREMOST WAS MULDOON'S LEAD IN THE RESUMPTION OF VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND BY AMERICAN NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS (NPWS), WHICH HAD BEEN BARRED SINCE 1964. AS YOU KNOW, MR. SECRETARY, TWO NPWS, THE USS TRUXTUN AND THE USS LONG BEACH, DID VISIT NEW ZEALAND IN 1976, AS MULDOON HAD ASSURED AND IN SPITE OF CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC OUTCRY. THE RESULT HAS BEEN AN UNDOUBTED STRENGTHENING OF OUR ANZUS ALLIANCE WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT IT WAS MULDOON, NOT FRASER, WHO TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN LIFTING THIS LONG-TIME BAN ON NPWS.

5. MOREOVER, IT WAS MULDOON WHO TOOK THE LEAD IN DISAVOWING, ALONG WITH AUSTRALIA AND THE NEIGHBORING PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS, THE SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE WHICH HAD BEEN SPONSORED IN THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE FORMER NZ LABOUR GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER ELUSIVE IN CONCEPT, THE SPNWFZ BORE ADVERSELY ON NAVIGATION OF THE HIGH SEAS AND ON THE ANZUS ALLIANCE ITSLEF. MULDOON PERSONALLY ENGINEERED THE DISAVOWAL OF THESE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF THE SPNWFZ BY ALL THE CONERNED NATIONS IN THIS PART OF THE WOUTH PACIFIC.

6. FURTHER, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN SEEKING TO CHECK SOVIET AMBITIONS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS BY CONCENTRATING THE BULK OF NEW ZEALAND'S EXTERNAL AID TO THESE NATIONS, AND BY ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO HELP THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDED TO MEET THE ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR PEOPLES.

7. MR. SECRETARY, THE PRESIDENT NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT UNDER PRIME MINISTER MULDOON IS AS CLOSE TO THE UNITED STATES AS ANY COUNTRY CAN BE. THE PRIME MINISTER IS AN ARDENT ADMIRER OF OURS AND A COURAGEOUS AND SKILLFUL ADVOCATE OF CLOSER NEW ZEALAND-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE IS BOUND TO FEEL DESOLATE BY BEING PUT OFF IN THIS FASHION. CERTAINLY HE WILL FEEL STILL FURTHER AGGRIVED AT THE FACT THAT

FRASER WILL HAVE SEEN THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT TWICE IN  
THE PAST YEAR WHILE HE IS STILL WAITING. IN A CON-  
VERSATION LAST YEAR HE TOLD ME HE WOULD NOT IMPOSE  
UPON THE PRESIDENT IN THE ELECTION YEAR  
BUT WOULD AWAIT AN INVITATION IN EARLY 1977.  
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THIS WAS REMAINED HIS STEADFAST HOPE AND PLAN  
FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS.

8. MR. SECRETARY, I RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT YOU DO  
EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO ARRANGE FOR MULDOON TO SEE  
PRESIDENT CARTER. IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED  
FOR MR. MULDOON TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR A COUPLE  
OF HOURS ON HIS WAY HOME FROM THE COMMONWEALTH  
MEETING IN LONDON WITH A FULLER, OFFICIAL VISIT TO  
FOLLOW LATER IN THE YEAR, I WOULD SPECULATE THIS WOULD  
BE MUCH MORE PREFERABLE THAN NO VISIT AT ALL. WHILE  
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT MULDOON'S REACTION TO SUCH A PROPOSAL  
WOULD BE IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED, I WOULD  
THINK IT WOULD DO NO HARM (AND PERHAPS MUCH GOOD)  
TO EXPLORE IT WITH THE N.Z. EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.  
TWO HOURS OF THE PRESIDENT'S TIME WOULD LIKELY BE  
SUFFICIENT FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF  
U.S.-N.Z. RELATIONS AND CERTAINLY ENOUGH  
TO PRESERVE PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S PRESTIGE  
IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.  
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